

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 GREGORY CLOUTIER, et al.,

No. C-06-3893 MMC

12 Plaintiffs,

**ORDER DENYING STIPULATION RE:
PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO
MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**13 v.
14 COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, et al.,

15 Defendants.

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18 Before the Court is the parties' stipulation, filed June 28, 2007, proposing that
19 plaintiffs be permitted to file a single 60-page memorandum in opposition to defendants'
20 motions for summary judgment. Although defendants, on June 22, 2007, filed five motions
21 for summary judgment – a separate motion on behalf of each defendant – the memoranda
22 in support of those motions contain a great deal of duplicative material. Indeed, the total
23 number of pages of non-duplicative material filed in support of the five motions does not
24 exceed 30 pages.¹ Consequently, plaintiffs have not demonstrated a need to file an
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27 ¹ As four defendants are represented by one set of counsel, and the fifth defendant
28 is represented by separate counsel, the Court finds the filing of a total of 30 pages of
briefing is not in violation of Civil Local Rule 7-2(b), which provides that a motion not
exceed 25 pages in length. See Civil L.R. 7-2(b). In light of the amount of duplicative
briefing, however, it would have been preferable if the four defendants who share the same
counsel had filed a single motion for summary judgment of no more than 25 pages in
length.

1 opposition memorandum of 60 pages in length.

2 Accordingly, the parties' stipulation is hereby DENIED, and plaintiffs shall file a
3 single opposition of no more than 30 pages in length to defendants' motions for summary
4 judgment.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: July 2, 2007


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge

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